

Tunbridge Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
6 PM
Draft Minutes

Present: Amy, Brenda, Izzy, Janet, Katherine, Rudi

Public: Peter Hayden

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update:

It was noted that the Selectboard (SB) had paperwork at their recent meeting and voted to pass it to the State; however, the incorrect handout was provided. The digital copy has been forwarded to the Planning Commission (PC) for review. All members are to edit for typos and content, sending comments to Ari and the PC by Wednesday, May 13. Once State comments are received, the PC will present a one-page summary to the SB for final discussion and approval.

Fairgrounds Permit Application (Union Agricultural Society):

Rudi noted that checklist items have been addressed, though they did not appear on the latest copy. Discussion ensued regarding who ensures work is done to specification. To ensure proper execution, the Commission determined the builder must sign off upon completion.

Motion: To accept the floodplain development building application from the Union Agricultural Society, with the expectation that the builder confirms all construction was completed according to the plan and the memo from Alexis Nevins. This confirmation is to be sent via email to the Floodplain Administrator upon completion. *Katherine moved the motion, Brenda seconded, and the motion passed.*

PC identified a need to update the Flood Hazard Area Regulations in the coming year, as they have not been updated since 2014.

Village Water Supply & Fire Safety:

Concerns were raised regarding the inconsistent water supply for firefighting within the village. Ideas discussed included dry hydrants, a new pond, storage tanks (approx. 30,000 gallons), or a tanker shuttle. PC (Janet?) will propose a meeting with the Tunbridge Fire Department to review previous discussions and data. Janet will also consult with TRORC (Kevin Geiger and Peter Gregory) regarding available grant funding for infrastructure improvements. An informational meeting may be organized involving village residents and stakeholders such as the church, library, and store to share information.

Public Comment

Peter Hayden inquired about the Planning Commission's role in the creation of the Regional Plan and the criteria for town zoning, specifically Tier 1 and Tier 2 areas. Janet, as the TRORC representative, is working to obtain the full plan and maps for review. Discussion focused on how lines are drawn. Formal review of the Regional Plan typically aligns with the Town Plan update every seven years.

Next PC Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2026